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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, UNGA, CU, PE

SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: CUBA MOVES CLOSER TO THE LAS

REF: USUN 1516 (NOTAL)

1. AT RECENTLY CONCLUDED UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, PROOF OFFERED ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS THAT CUBA, EVEN THOUGH STILL NOT MEMBER OF LA REGIONAL GROUP, IS NO LONGER ISOLATED FROM IT.

2. ON APRIL 24, CUBA JOINED WITH ALL OTHER LAS (EXCEPT BRAZIL, CHILE, HAITI AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEANS) IN CO-SPONSORING AMENDMENT TO DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION, ONLY LA INITIATIVE AT SPECIAL SESSION. IN USUN'S COLLECTIVE MEMORY, THIS APPEARS TO BE FIRST TIME SINCE LA REGIONAL GROUP REFORMED IN EARLY 60S TO EXCLUDE CUBA THAT LATTER INVITED TO CO-SPONSOR RESLUTION OR AMENDMENT ORIGINATING WITHIN LA GROUP.

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3. DURING CLIMACTIC INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GROUP OF 77 AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WEEKEND APRIL 27, LA GROUP DESIGNATED VENEZUELA, GUYANA, MEXICO, AND PERU AS ITS REPS ON GROUP OF 77 NEGOTIATING TEAM. PERU IMMEDIATELY CEDED ITS PLACE TO CUBA, THEREBY PERMITTING CUBAN PERM REP ALARCON, CONSPICUOUSLY PUFFING ON HAVANA CIGAR, TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO POLLUTION IN SMOKE-FILLED UN CONFERENCE ROOM (ALARCON, HOWEVER, PLAYED PASSIVE ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS). BOTH COLOMBIAN DEPUTY PERMREP AND PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TOLD HISOFF THAT, WHILE PERUVIAN ACTION DID NOT HAVE APPROVAL OF LA GROUP, NONE OF ITS MEMBERS HAS SO FAR RAISED FORMAL OBJECTIONS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE NOT WISHING TO EXAGGERATE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE MOVES, THEY ARE SUGGESTIVE OF CUBA'S PROGRESS TOWARDS REJOINING LA FOLD AT UN.  
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